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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8429

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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: AGREEMENT WITH EPMG: MEETING WITH FONMIN

REF: ADDIS 8401 AND PREVIOUS

1. I DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO AT MOFA THIS AFTERNOON PER REFTEL, HIGHLIGHTING PRINCIPAL POINTS AND REQUESTED EPMG'S EARLY AGREEMENT ON PERTINENT ITEMS.

2. FON MIN, AFTER PERUSING DOCUMENT, SAID CONTENT WAS CLEAR. HE WOULD CONSULT HIGHER AUTHORITY. MEANWHILE ABDUCTION WAS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO EPMG AND FONMIN WISHED ASSURE ME THAT ALL EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN SAFE RETURN OF HOSTAGES.

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3. FONMIN ALSO AGREED WITH DESIGNATION MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AS PRINCIPAL CONTACT POINT, AND FURTHER AGREED TO COORDINATE ALL PRESS STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

4. FONMIN ADDED THAT HE HAD MADE INQUIRES OF ASMARA PRIOR TO OUR MEETING BUT HAD AS YET NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO CONVEY TO ME.

5. FONMIN THEN SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED OF THE ABDUCTION ONLY AT 1300 HOURS JULY 14. HE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT THESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE USUALLY NOTIFIED WHEN OUR PEOPLE WENT OUT TO TRACT D BUT THIS HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN THE CASE ON THIS OCCASION. I RESPONDED THAT IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT DAILY NOTIFICATION OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS OF OUR PERSONNEL WERE UNNECESSARY AS THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES. I UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER, HOWEVER.

6. I THEN SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI BANTE WOULD SHORTLY GO TO ASMARA. THE FONMIN SAID THAT THIS WAS SO AND THAT THE CHAIRMAIN WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE JULY 16 OR 17 I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CONGEN ASMARA MIGHT CALL UPON THE CHAIRMAN TO DISCUSS THE KIDNAPPING IF THE CHAIRMAN'S ASMARA SCHEDULE PERMITTED. THE FONMIN SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS REQUEST ALONG TO SEE WHETHER SUCH A CONVERSATION COULD TAKE PLACE. FOR ASMARA: CONGEN SHOULD FOLLOW UP IN ANY CASE.

7. COMMENTS IN SPETEL TO FOLLOW.
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